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Juvenile Law Center Appoints Four New Members to Board of Directors

National children's rights public interest law firm appoints Dr. Tami Benton, Gail Chavis, Rebecca Santoro Melley and Sarah Chubb Sauwayre

Philadelphia, PA (October 4, 2019): Juvenile Law Center, the nation's first nonprofit public interest law firm for children's rights, is announcing [the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors](#). These individuals—Dr. Tami Benton, Gail Chavis, Rebecca Santoro Melley and Sarah Chubb Sauwayre—will join the governing body of the national organization, which is based in Philadelphia.

Dr. Tami D. Benton is the Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Executive Director and Chair of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and a Psychiatrist in the 22Q and You Center at CHOP. She is very interested in children of underserved urban areas, and works with entire families or support systems as part of her practice to improve the lives of children.

Gail Chavis has worked extensively in the finance field within various organizations representing healthcare, banking, and corporate manufacturing. She has a proven track record in visionary strategic planning, leadership and organizational transformations. She graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor in Business Administration and Harvard University with a Master's in Public Policy. She mentors both young alums from undergraduate and graduate level as they begin their career journeys.

Rebecca Santoro Melley is a shareholder in the litigation department of Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller. She represents a wide variety of clients, from large corporations to individuals, in complex litigation in federal and state courts. Rebecca is a committed pro bono advocate. Beginning in 2009, she served as co-counsel with Juvenile Law Center representing a class of 2400 juveniles and their parents in a federal civil suit arising out of the Luzerne County "kids-for-cash" scandal, one of the worst judicial scandals in history. Rebecca is a 2007 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, summa cum laude, where she was an articles editor for the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and a legal writing instructor. Before joining Hanglely Aronchick, she clerked for the Honorable William H. Yohn Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Sarah Chubb Sauwayre, an independent strategy consultant to media, marketing, and technology companies, has over 35 years of experience in print and digital media, and digital technology. Her practice focuses on clients' strategic planning and execution capabilities; optimization of organizational structures; audience expansion; revenue development and diversification; talent recruitment and retention. Prior to starting her own consulting practice, Ms. Chubb spent 20 years at Conde Nast Publications, starting out in advertising management at such print titles as Vogue. Ms Chubb is a Trustee of the Victoria Foundation in Newark, NJ.

“We are thrilled to have such wonderful additions to our board,” stated Sue Mangold, Chief Executive Officer at Juvenile Law Center. “Each new member brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will help us advance our mission. We are so grateful that they will be joining our board of directors.”

Juvenile Law Center is proud to welcome these distinguished individuals to its Board of Directors.

Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the foster care and justice systems. Founded in 1975, Juvenile Law Center is the first non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country. We fight for youth through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications. Widely published and internationally recognized as leaders in the field, Juvenile Law Center has substantially shaped the development of law and policy on behalf of youth. We strive to ensure that laws, policies, and practices affecting youth advance racial and economic equity and are rooted in research, consistent with children’s unique developmental characteristics, and reflective of international human rights values. For more information about Juvenile Law Center’s work, visit www.JLC.org.

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